

RUSSIANS CLAIM GAINS AGAINST GERMAN HOSTS IN CHRISTMAS FIGHTING

WAR'S FORCES SAID TO HAVE INFLICTED SEVERE PUNISHMENT UPON THE INVADERS

BALKS WAR INDEMNITY

Secretary Bryan Instrumental in Securing Withdrawal of Heavy German War Tax on Brussels.

London, Dec. 26.—Christmas has come and gone without a trace of any part of any of the warring nations. Europe while there has been no cessation of military activity, nevertheless, no decisive action has occurred along either of the great battle fronts. A spectacular element was supplied by an aerial duel between German aeroplanes and two English biplanes over the Channel on Christmas day. This was witnessed by several thousand people. The German planes were shot down. The English planes escaped.

General Van Hindenburg, the German commander in the east, said today that his troops had inflicted a severe defeat on the Russian forces in the Christmas fighting. He said that the Russian forces had been repulsed at a number of points. There was no mention of any gains on the German side.

RUSSIA GIVES LAND FOR JAP SIEGE GUNS

Czar Cedes Half of Island to Japanese for Japanese Heavy Guns to Use on Germany.

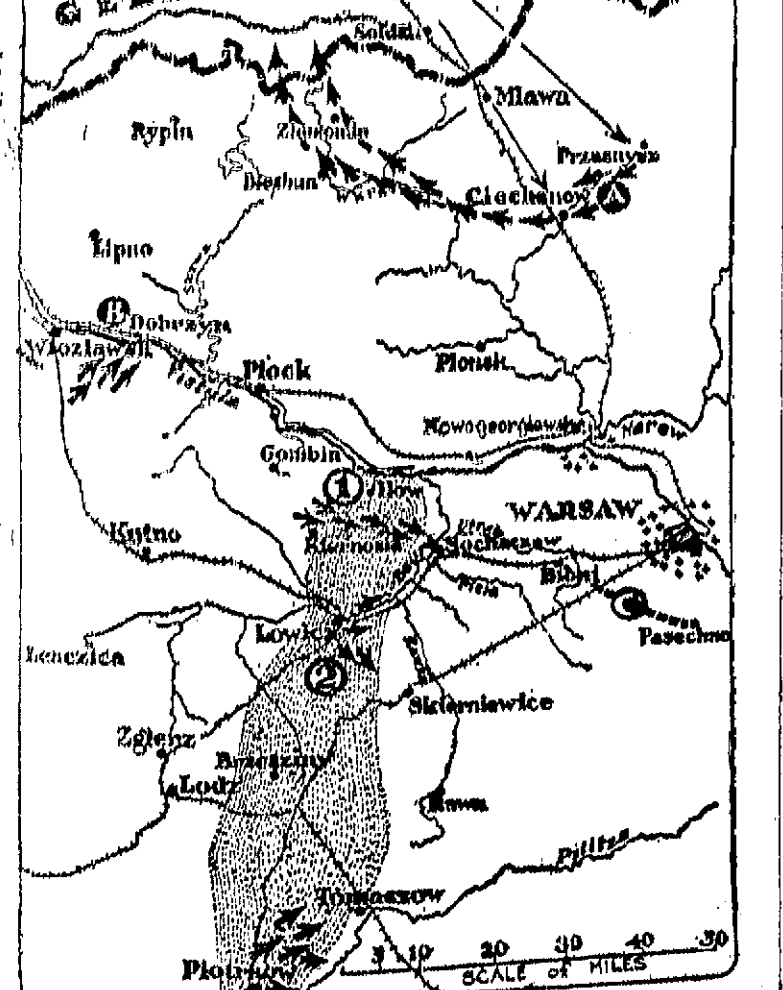
Washington, Dec. 26.—The Japanese government today received official notice from the Russian government that it had agreed to cede to Japan the southern half of the island of Karafuto, which is situated in the northern part of the Japanese archipelago. The island was formerly a Russian possession.

EMPEROR NICHOLAS GOES TO THE FRONT

Czar Leaves Moscow Line—Empress and Children Return to Winter Palace.

Moscow, Dec. 26.—The Russian emperor, Nicholas II, left Moscow today for the front. He is going to the front to see the troops. The empress and the children are staying in the Winter Palace.

THE PRESENT SITUATION IN RUSSIA



This map gives an idea of the present situation in Russian Poland. The German troops have stopped the Russian advance at Brest-Litovsk (1), about thirty miles from Warsaw. The German claim to have captured Lodz (2), and the Russian report that Piotrkow (3) has been taken by storm. (A) shows the German advance from Brest-Litovsk to Warsaw in October. (B) shows a fresh German attempt to take Warsaw in October. (C) shows how near the German army to Warsaw the recent and early November. The shaded portion of the map shows the recent German advance.

GEN. VON HINDENBURG AND HIS STAFF



Arrow points to Field Marshal von Hindenburg.

BULGARIA DECLINES AWFUL DESTITUTION EXISTS IN SERBIA

Her Action Prevents Rumania from Joining Triple Entente Powers.

Paris, Dec. 26.—The only obstacle to Rumania joining the forces of the triple entente, according to the Paris press, is a lack of guarantee from Bulgaria. Bulgaria is a neutral country. It has refused to join the triple entente.

FRENCH SUBMARINE IS REPORTED SUNK

Craft is Destroyed in Attempt to Torpedo Austrian Battleship at Pola.

Paris, Dec. 26.—The Italian press today reported that a French submarine had been sunk in an attempt to torpedo the Austrian battleship at Pola. The submarine was destroyed by the Austrian forces.

THE ICE MAN SMILES POOR FOLKS SHIVER

Coldest Night of Winter Makes Ice About Ready to Harvest on River.

While the answers this morning varied all the way from twenty to twenty-five degrees below zero, regarding "How cold it is," the weather men registered twenty degrees. No doubt, but what it was the lowest temperature reached thus far this winter.

SECRETARY DANIELS WILL PROBE THREAT

Calls on Captain of Cruiser North Carolina to Determine Extent of Threat Made by Turks.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Secretary Daniels today called on Captain Olan, commander of the armored cruiser North Carolina, to report whether there was any threat of violence against American sailors had been made by the Turks. The captain is expected to return today.

WIFE ALSO VICTIM OF ESCAPING GAS

Wife of Leopold De Beck, Who Died Wednesday, Succumbs to Effects of Poisoning Today.

Green Bay, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Leopold De Beck, whose husband was a victim of the escaping gas which leaked from a stove in their home here last Wednesday, survived the aged man only two days. Her death occurred here today.

SMITH CASE ADJOURNED FOR NINETY DAYS TODAY

On the recommendation of District Attorney S. G. Dunwiddie the state case against Howard L. Smith, charged with grand larceny was adjourned until March first, ninety days. The court gave Smith an opportunity to adjourn the case.

OFFICER JAY HYMER WAS GIVEN REVOLVER

Night Patrolman Jay Hymer was presented by the property owners on Academy street with a Colt automatic revolver Thursday evening, as an appreciation of Hymer's efficiency as a police officer.

VILLA RETIRES FROM RANGE OF GARRISON

Carranza Agency Declares Several Mexican Chiefs Demand That Villa Eliminate Self From Politics.

Naco, Ariz., Dec. 26.—Governor Maytorena with his Villa forces have been retiring today out of range of the guns of the Carranza garrison at Naco. Official reports to Brigadier General Bliss, commanding the United States forces here, show that Villa forces have removed their machine guns, abandoned their front trenches and are preparing to retire to the main Maytorena camp, eleven kilometers from Naco.

MILITARY FASHIONS KILLS SOCIETY WALK

The Debutante Slouch, Silkier Slouch and Several Other Slouches Not Stylish Now.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—The European war and the resulting suggestions of the military in the cut of garments has sounded the death knell of the "debutante slouch" and similar modes of carriage recently affected by fashionable women. This announcement was made in a bulletin of the fashion bureau of America issued today.

ENDS HIS OWN LIFE IN DESPONDENT FIT

Prof. J. W. Livingston, Former President of Plattville Normal, Drowns Himself.

Plattville, Dec. 26.—Prof. J. W. Livingston, former president of the state normal school here, committed suicide by drowning at his home in Forest Grove, Oregon, on Wednesday last. His health had been failing for some time. He was found by his wife.

MADISON DOCTOR FAILS TO REPORT DIPHTHERIA CASE

Madison, Wis., Dec. 26.—In municipal court here Tuesday, Dr. M. J. Rodermund of this city will plead a complaint charging failure to report a case of contagious disease, the action resulting from his audience on a seven-year-old girl, granddaughter of Prof. F. W. Kehl, the dancing master.

ST. JOHN SENDS FIFTH DRAFT OF NAVAL RESERVES

The fifth draft of Newfoundland naval reservists which sailed from here December 17, reached England in the old country, according to a cablegram received today. This draft, consisting of 160 men, brings the naval reservists from this colony up to 1,000 men.

RETIRE BRITISH GENERAL DIES AT HOME IN IRELAND

London, Dec. 26.—General Sir Thomas Kelly-Kenny, formerly adjutant general of the British forces in India, died at Doolough in County Clare, where he had lived since his retirement in 1907. General Kelly-Kenny was a distinguished soldier.

EIGHT MILLION DECREASE IN BANK RESERVE FUND

New York, Dec. 26.—The statement of the condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week ending Dec. 20 shows that the reserve in excess of legal requirements is a decrease of \$8,175,780 from last week.

AUSTRALIAN CRUISER DOCKS AT SOUTH AMERICAN PORT

Valparaiso, Chile, Dec. 26.—The Australian battle cruiser Australia came into this port today. She had been on the Pacific coast of South America for several weeks. A week ago she put in at Callao, Peru.

SWIMMING RACE HELD IN OREGON TODAY

Portland, Oregon, Dec. 26.—The swimming race held in the Willamette river annually under the auspices of the Multnomah club was scheduled to take place this afternoon. A large number of aquatic stars were entered. The race is something over a quarter of a mile.

BELGIAN REFUGEES HUNTING FOR JOBS

Many Find Employment in England and France—Many Are Subject to Call for Service.

London, Dec. 26.—A general census of Belgian refugees in England has been ordered that King Albert's cabinet may know where the Belgians subject to military service are quartered. It has been estimated that 20,000 Belgians of military age came to England, but such estimates are necessarily inaccurate. In the rush from Antwerp and Ostend it was impossible to keep any accurate records. Many of the refugees who had money came independent of any organized agency, and consequently the governments of Belgium and England have no knowledge of their movements.

PHILIPPINE REVOLT NIPPED IN THE BUD

Eight Leaders in Christmas Eve Disturbance at Manila Are Arrested.

Manila, Dec. 26.—Eight Philinco have been arrested on the charge of sedition as a result of an abortive rising in Manila and its environs on Thursday night. Further arrests are probable. From army sources it is learned that a general warning was sent to all officers on Thursday afternoon stating that fully 10,000 Filipinos were ready for a concerted attack on Fort Santiago, the Cuartel Estana, the Cuartel Infanteria and the Meclia depot. The military units were prepared, and a strong patrol was started at dusk.

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM

Officials at Washington Are Confident That Reported Disturbance is Not Serious.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Officials of the regular bureau of the war department, in the absence of official advice today from Manila, decline to the view that the uprising there was not serious. Early in the week Governor General Harrison reported he could not find a basis for Manila accounts of a threatening revolt. Brigadier General Frank McIntyre, chief of the bureau of insular affairs, however, in view of renewed reports of a rising in Manila, has called for a full report of the circumstances of the Christmas eve disturbance. Officials said early today there was at least one Philippine soldier dissatisfied among elements in the Philippines and that showed native leaders did what they could to capitalize such discontent. They professed not to believe that a rising of the kind reported in Manila is imminent.

KILLED IN ATTEMPT TO BOARD A TRAIN

Racine Man Who Tried to Steal Ride to Milwaukee is Run Down and Killed.

Racine, Dec. 26.—James O'Brien, aged 28, was killed Friday afternoon while attempting to board a North Western passenger train for Milwaukee. O'Brien, with two other men, attempted to steal a ride just as the train started. The three men ran around the end of the train and the engine saw them. The train going north approached. O'Brien was hit and killed. George Allen, a colored man, heard the warning of the engine and escaped. The third man succeeded in boarding the train and was taken to Allis.

WHOLESALE ARRESTS STIR TERRA HAUTE

Forty-Six Men Charged With Conspiracy to Violate Election Laws Are Being Held.

Indianapolis, Dec. 26.—The arrest of forty-six men at Terre Haute last night, who were indicted by the federal grand jury here December 23, charged with conspiracy to violate the election laws, has caused a sensation in political circles throughout the state. More arrests were expected today. It was said that the number might reach more than one hundred.

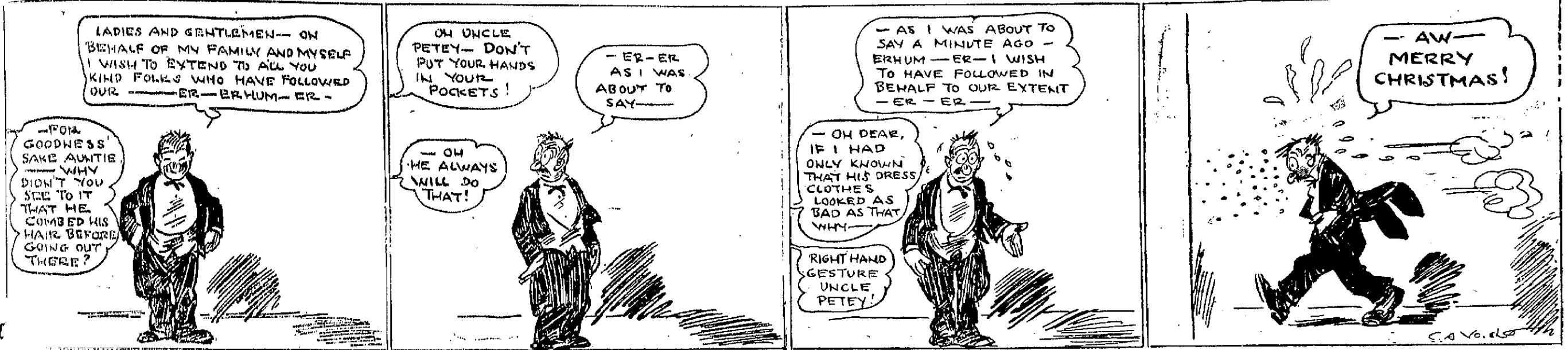
MAY WILSON HELPS LITTLE ONES ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—Ten thousand children of the tenement district still hold fast in Santa Claus, due to the work of one woman. Miss May Wilson of Jenkintown, Pa. Repeating her efforts of former years, Miss Wilson, by personal solicitation throughout the year, raised nearly \$4,000 with which to buy toys and candy for poor children. Several thousand other poor boys and girls were bountifully provided for by self-constituted members of the "Good Fellow's Club."

THE MONEY Santa Brought

For the poor children of the tenement district.

Naturally we want to invest it in something that has the Yuletide spirit about it. Perhaps we choose a luxury, or something substantial. Perhaps we are undecided. In just such an emergency the advertising columns of The Gazette are of invaluable service. They team with timely suggestions. The storekeepers who make them are all reliable, service-giving men.



By C. A. VOIGHT

PETEY DINK—THAT WAS TO HAVE BEEN A SWELL SPEECH, BUT THE WOMEN CRABBED IT.

SPORTS

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INDOOR GOLF LATEST FOR GOTHAM SPORTS

Johnny Evers' Omnipotence Commanded Respect From All Baseball Followers—Sporting "Doped" by Hal Sheridan.

New York, Dec. 25.—No matter how hard the wind blows or how hard it rains, the indoor golfers of Gotham are not deterred. The latest innovation here in the indoor golf game is the "doped" ball, which is a ball that has been "doped" with a substance that makes it travel in a certain direction. This is a new development in the indoor golf game, and it is expected that it will be very popular. The indoor golfers of Gotham are not deterred by the weather, and they are enjoying the game very much. The indoor golfers of Gotham are not deterred by the weather, and they are enjoying the game very much.

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NATIONAL ATHLETICS PROMISING NEXT YEAR

NO INTERNATIONAL CONTEST BEING PROBABLE SPORTS IN U. S. A. SHOULD INCREASE.

WAR EFFECTS SPORTS

New Orleans, Dec. 26.—On the eve of the new year all indications point to another season of great athletic activity throughout the United States during 1915. All possibilities of the national contests which were interrupted by the war are now being revived. The war has not only interrupted the national contests, but it has also interrupted the international contests. The war has not only interrupted the national contests, but it has also interrupted the international contests. The war has not only interrupted the national contests, but it has also interrupted the international contests.

SPORT SNAP SHOTS

Poor George Carpentier's Petted and Idolized, and the Possibility of a Fight with the Champion of the World.

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**FIRST ATTEMPT TO FLOOD
COURT HOUSE PARK FAILS**

Jamesville children received one disappointment. Christmas, for the city had planned to give the younger generation this year a skating pond in the hollow of the Court House Park. Councilman P. J. Goodman had the hollow flooded to a depth of one foot, but the water soaked through the earth and disappeared in an hour's time. Because of the drop in the temperature of the air, the fact that the water did soak through has frozen in the earth, the park will again be flooded if the weather man still holds the mercury down.

NOTICE, HARMONY TAX PAYERS
Will be at Sheldon's hardware store
every Saturday during January and at
Holmes' store in Milton, Wednesday,
January 27, 1915.
GEO. F. CLARK, Treas.

FAIR STORE

DRY GOODS DEPT.
Messaline and Taffeta one yard wide.
95c yard.
All wool Serges 50c and 89c.
54-inch wide Broadcloth, black and
colors, 50c.
Colored Silks, 25c and 39c.
Silk Velvet \$1.00.
Table Linens, seventy-two inches
wide, 75c and \$1.00.
Napkins to match at \$1.50 and \$2.98

Linen Scarfing 16c and 19c.
 Bed-spreads, pink and blue, \$1.75.
 White Bed-spreads \$1, \$1.49.
 Wool Blankets, \$3.50 and \$4.25.
 Comforters, \$1.50 to \$2.50.
 Bath Robes, \$2.25 and \$2.98.
 Crepe Kimonos, \$1 and \$1.35.
 Flannelette Kimonos \$1.00.
 Dressing Sacques 50c.
 Flannelette one-piece dresses \$1.
 Fairy gowns 75c, \$1.
 Silk Skirts \$2.00.
 Colored Satin Skirts 75c and \$1.00.
 Silk top skirts, silk ruffle, \$1.50.
 Silk boot hose 25c and 50c.
 Wool and fleeced hose 15c and 25c.
 Union suits and separate garments
 25c to \$2.00.
 Kid Gloves \$1.15 up.

Chamois Gloves 50c.
Cashmere Gloves, suede lined, 25c.
Children's kid gaitlet gloves, 50c.
Pancy shirtwaists, wool, all sizes
\$1.00 up.
Silk waists, \$1, \$1.75, \$2.50.
White waists \$1 and \$1.60.
New neckwear, 25c, 50c and \$1.00.
Shopping bags 50c, 75c, \$1.
Mesh bags, \$1.50 and \$2.95.
Handkerchiefs, 5c, 10c, 15c and 25c.
Auto Hoods, 50c and 73c.

Janesville Meat House

An extra nice bunch of
young 8, 10 and 12 pound

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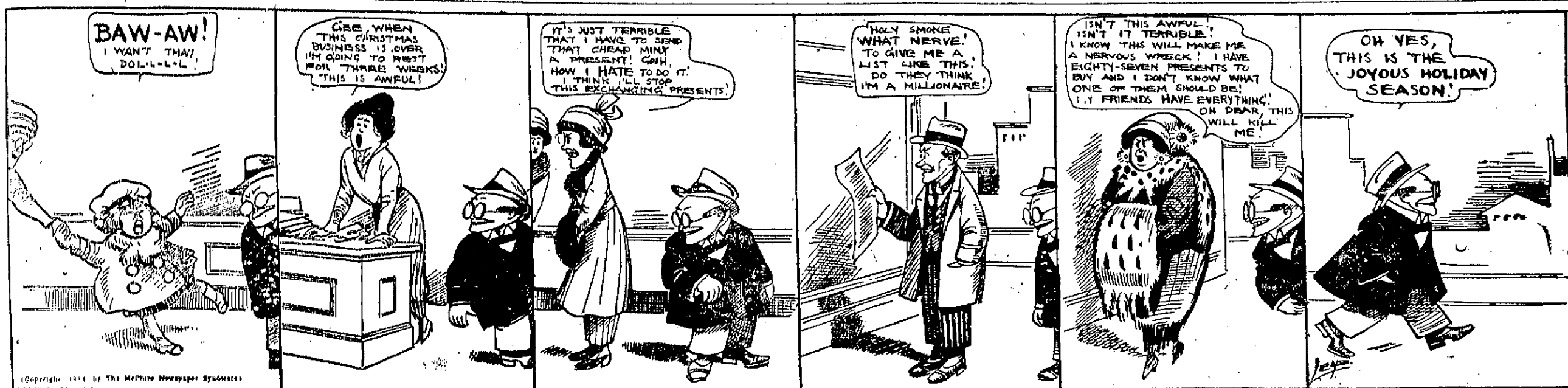
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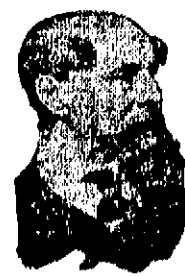
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THE STORY OF RICHARD DOUBLEDICK

By CHARLES DICKENS



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MARY STEWART CUTTING

Twenty-four famous authors were asked recently to name the best short story in the English language. Mary Stewart Cutting named "The Story of Richard Doubledick" by Charles Dickens, as her selection for this high honor in the world of fiction.

PART I.

IN the year 1700 a relative of mine came limping down on foot to this town of Chatham. My relative came to Chatham on the road down and up a cavalry regiment if a cavalry regiment would have him; if not, to take King George's shilling from any corporal or sergeant who would put a bunch of ribbons in his hat. His object was to get shot, but he thought he might as well ride to his death as to the trouble of walking.

My relative's Christian name was Richard, but he was better known as Dick. He dropped his own surname on the road down and took up that of Doubledick. He was named as Richard Doubledick, age twenty-two, height five foot ten, native place Exmouth, which had never been near in his life. There was no cavalry in Chatham when he limped over the bridge with half a shoe to his dusty foot, so he enlisted into a regiment of the line and was glad to get drunk and forget all about it.

You are to know that this relative of mine had gone wrong and run wild. His heart was in the right place, but it was sealed up. He had been betrothed to a good and beautiful girl whom he had loved better than life—or perhaps even he—beloved, but in an evil hour he had given her cause to say to him solemnly: "Richard, I will never marry another man. I will live single for your sake, but Mary Marshall's lips"—her name was Mary Marshall—"never address another word to you on earth! Go, Richard! Heaven forgive you!" This finished him. This brought him down to Chatham. This made him Private Richard Doubledick, with a determination to be shot.

There was not a more dissipated and reckless soldier in Chatham barracks in the year 1700 than Private Richard Doubledick. He associated with the drags of every regiment, he was no soldier as he could be and was constantly under punishment. It became clear to the whole barracks that Private Richard Doubledick would very soon be flogged.

furniture of the Black Hole.

"Come in," cried the captain when he knocked with his knuckles at the door. Private Richard Doubledick pulled off his cap, took a step forward and felt very conscious that he stood in the light of the dark, bright eyes.

"There was a slight pause. Private Richard Doubledick had put the straw in his mouth and was gradually doubling it up into his windpipe and choking himself.

"Doubledick," said the captain, "do you know where you are going to?" "To the devil, sir," faltered Doubledick.

"Yes," returned the captain. "And very fast." Private Richard Doubledick turned the straw of the Black Hole in his mouth and made a miserable snuffle of acquiescence.

"Doubledick," said the captain, "since I entered his majesty's service, a boy of seventeen, I have been pained to see many men of promise going that road, but I have never been so pained to see a man determined to make the shameful journey as I have been, ever since you joined the regiment, to see you."

Private Richard Doubledick began to find a film stealing over the floor at which he looked, also to find the legs of the captain's breakfast table turning crooked, as if he saw them through water.

"I am only a common soldier, sir," said he. "It signifies very little what such a poor brute comes to."

"You are a man," returned the captain, with grave indignation, "of education and superior advantages, and if you say that, mousing what you say, you have sunk lower than I had believed. How low that must be I leave you to consider, knowing what I know of your disgrace and seeing what I see."

"I hope to get shot soon, sir," said Private Richard Doubledick, "and then the regiment and the world together will be rid of me."

"The legs of the table were becoming very crooked. Doubledick, looking up to steady his vision, met the eyes that had so strong an influence over him. He put his hand before his own eyes, and the breast of his disgrace jacket swelled as if it would fly amunder."

"I would rather," said the young captain, "see this in you, Doubledick, than I would see 5,000 guineas counted out upon this table for a gift to my good mother. Have you a mother?"

"I am thankful to say she is dead, sir."

"If your promise," returned the captain, "were sounded from mouth to mouth through the whole regiment, through the whole army, through the whole country, you would wish she had lived to say, with pride and joy: 'So is my son!'"

"But a man in any station can do his duty," said the young captain, "and in doing it can earn his own respect, even if his case should be so very unfortunate and so very rare that he can earn no other man's. A common soldier, poor brute though you called him just now, has this advantage in the stormy times we live in, that he always does his duty before a host of sympathizing witnesses. Do you doubt that he may so do it as to be extolled through a whole regiment, through a whole army, through a whole country? Turn while you may yet retrieve the past and try."

"I will, I ask for only one witness, sir," cried Richard, with a bursting heart.

"I understand you. I will be a watchful and a faithful one." I have heard from Private Richard Doubledick's own lips that he dropped down upon his knees, kissed that officer's hand, arose and went out of the light of the dark, bright eyes an altered man.

In that year, 1700, the French were in Egypt, in Italy, in Germany—where not? Napoleon Bonaparte had likewise begun to stir against us in India, and most men could read the signs of the great troubles that were coming on. In the very next year, when we formed an alliance with Austria against him, Captain Taunton's regiment was on service in India. And there was not a finer noncommissioned officer in it—no, nor in the whole line—than Corporal Richard Doubledick.

In 1801 the Indian army were on the coast of Egypt. Next year was the year of the proclamation of the short peace, and they were re-enlisted. It had then become well known to thousands of men that wherever Captain Taunton, "With the Dark, bright eyes," led there, close to him, ever at his side, firm as a rock, true as the sun and brave as Mars, would be certain to be found while life beats in their hearts that famous soldier, Sergeant Richard Doubledick.

Eighteen hundred and five, besides being the great year of Trafalgar, was a year of hard fighting in India. That year saw such wonders done by a sergeant major who cut his way single handed through a solid mass of men, recovered the colors of his regiment, which had been seized from the hand of a poor boy shot through the heart, and rescued his wounded captain, who was down and in a very jumble of horses' hoofs and sabers—such such wonders done, I say, by this brave sergeant major that he was specially made the bearer of the colors he had won, and Ensign Richard Doubledick had risen from the ranks.

Sorely cut up in every battle, but always re-enforced by the bravest of men—for the fame of following the old colors, shot through and through, which Ensign Richard Doubledick had saved, inspired all breasts—this regiment fought its way through the peninsula war up to the investment of Badajoz in 1812. Again and again it had been cheered through the British ranks and the tears had sprung into men's eyes at the mere hearing of the mighty British voice so exultant in their valor, and there was not a drummer boy but knew the legend that wherever the two friends, Major Taunton, with the dark, bright eyes, and Ensign Richard Doubledick, who was devoted to him, were seen to go, there the boldest spirits in the English army became wild to follow.

One day at Badajoz—not in the great storming, but in repelling a hot sally of the besieged upon our men at work in the trenches, who had given way—the two officers found themselves running forward, face to face, against a party of French infantry, who made a stand. There was an officer at their head encouraging his men—a courageous, handsome, gallant officer of five and thirty, whom Doubledick saw hurriedly, almost momentarily, but saw well. He particularly noticed this officer waving his sword and rallying his men with an eager and excited cry when they fired in obedience to gesture and Major Taunton dropped.

It was over in ten minutes more and Doubledick returned to the spot where he had laid the best friend man ever had on a coat spread upon the wet clay. Major Taunton's uniform was opened at the breast and on his shirt were three little spots of blood.

"Dear Doubledick," said he, "I am dying."

"For the love of heaven, no!" exclaimed the other, kneeling down beside him and passing his arm round his neck to raise his head. "Taunton! My preserver, my guarding angel, my witness! Dearest, truest, kindest of human beings! Taunton! For God's sake!"

The bright, dark eyes—so very, very dark now in the pale face—smiled upon him, and the hand he had kissed thirteen years ago laid itself fondly on his breast.

home again. Tell her how we became friends. It will comfort her, as it comforts me."

He spoke no more, but faintly signed for a moment towards his hair as it fluttered in the wind. The ensign understood him. He smiled again when he saw that and, gently turning his face over on the supporting arm as if for rest, died, with his hand upon the breast in which he had revived a soul. No dry eye looked on Ensign Richard Doubledick that melancholy day. He buried his friend on the field and became a lone, bereaved man. Beyond his duty he appeared to have but two remaining cares in life—one, to preserve the little packet of hair he was to give Taunton's mother; the other, to encounter that French officer who had rallied the men under whose fire Taunton fell. A new legend now began to circulate among our troops, and it was that when he and the French officer came face to face once more there would be weeping in France.

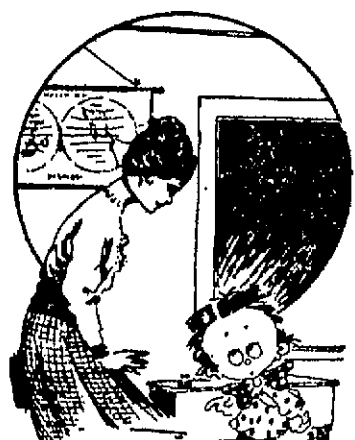
The war went on, and through it went the exact picture of the French officer on the one side and the bodily reality upon the other, until the battle of Toulouse was fought. In the returns sent home appeared these words: "Severely wounded, but not dangerously. Lieutenant Richard Doubledick."

At midsummer time in the year 1814 Lieutenant Richard Doubledick, now a browned soldier seven and thirty years of age, came home to England inviolated. He brought the hair with him, near his heart. Many a French officer had been seen since that day; many a dreadful night, in searching with men and lanterns for his wounded, had he relieved French officers lying disabled, but the mental picture and the reality had never come together.

Though he was weak and suffered pain, he lost not an hour in getting down to Frome, in Somersetshire, where Taunton's mother lived. In the sweet, compassionate words that naturally present themselves to the mind tonight, "he was the only son of his mother, and she was a widow."

It was a Sunday evening, and the lady sat at her quiet garden window reading the Bible; reading to herself in a trembling voice that very passage in it, as I have heard him tell. He heard the words, "Young man, I say unto thee, arise!"

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"George? What is your other name?" "Jones!"

"Ah, Jones is your last name!" "No, my name was Jones when I was born, but I was named George after that, so that's my last name."



"Thomas," said the little boy's mother, severely, "someone has taken a big piece of ginger cake out of the

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